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- 1. In July 1952 the Soviet Control Commission asked the East Zone Government to describe the Elbe officially as a waterway (Wasserstrasse).
 - 2. In August 1952 the office of waterways construction at Magdeburg received from the state security service a secret order to suspend all river control work on the Elbe where it formed the border of the Federal Republic.
 - 3. On 15 October 1952 in the Ministry of Transport (waterways division) a project was being worked on for the diversion of the Elbe to the Baltic. Geological and technical people were involved.

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